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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN TRADE MISSION VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ENDS

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1. BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S 20-MAN TRADE DELEGATION LED BY JOAO PAULO DO RIO BRANCO, HEAD OF MFA'S EAST EUROPEAN SECTION, ENDED WEEKLONG VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA SEPTEMBER 18, ACCORDING TO RUDE PRAVO. PROTOCOL (TEXT NOT RELEASED) WAS SIGNED AT CLOSE OF VISIT, AND BOTH SIDES INDICATED VISIT WAS "MILESTONE" WHICH PAVES WAY FOR LATER CONCLUSION OF A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT. GOC EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONTRACT FOR EXPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAK TIRE FACTORY, INCLUDING "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE," WHICH HAS LONG BEEN DISCUSSED, WILL SOON BE CONCLUDED.

2. BRAZILIAN EMBOFF (AVELLAR) TOLD E/C COUNSELOR THAT VISIT WENT WELL AND BRAZILIANS WERE PLEASED WITH THEIR RECEPTION. ALTHOUGH PRESS DID NOT MENTION THIS, GOC OPENED \$100 MILLION CREDIT TO FINANCE EXPORTS TO BRAZIL AND, IN AVELLAR'S WORDS, CZECHOSLOVAKS "GAVE US EVERYTHING WE ASKED FOR." DEPUTY FOREIGN

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TRADE MINISTER JAKUBEC WAS MOST SENIOR GOC OFFICIAL

TO RECEIVE VISITORS. IRON ORE WAS BRAZILIAN EXPORT
OF MOST INTEREST TO RESOURCE-SHORT CZECHOSLOVAKS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NOT A SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE
LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE, VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE PLEASED
BOTH SIDES. WHETHER VISIT WILL RESULT IN GREATLY
EXPANDED TRADE IN ACCORD WITH HOPES EXPRESSED EARLIER
BY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR(REFTEL) REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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